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Carlos -

In brief, here is the update, with notes on what changes were made. Word file is attached. Please let me know if you approve.

I. Community Outreach (no update received from Donn -- I changed last month's input to past tense)

On May 12, 2011, EPA, in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Harris County, and other Federal and State agencies, conducted a Community Engagement Meeting for the SJRWP site in Highlands, Texas, to seek input from the public and to provide information about the Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) underway and other health and cleanup issues.

II. Source Stabilization (per update received from Val -- note that info is through June 14)

Respondents continue land placement of armor cap rock on top of Western waste pit cell. As of June 14, total rock placed (armor cap type A, B/C, C, and D) was 51,602 tons, which is 83% of the entire project. More information about the TCRA is available at www.epaossc.org/SanJacWPremoval. Armor cap placement is anticipated to be complete within the next 4 weeks, pending final inspections and survey results.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) (per update received from Gary Miller)

All the six Field Sampling Plans of the Fate & Transport Model Study have been approved. The Respondents are currently implementing these fate and transport plans, including the collection of Sedflume, upstream sediment load, and current velocity data. The Sedflume data collection effort was completed; however the upstream sediment load and current velocity data are still being collected as outlined in the respective field sampling plans. A draft residential soil sampling plan was submitted by Respondents and is currently undergoing regulatory review. The residential sampling includes collection of soil samples from both the east and west sides of the San Jacinto River near the Site for dioxin analysis. Finally, the validated soil sampling data for the southern impoundments was received and is currently being reviewed to identify the next steps. The EPA SJRWP website with public information on the RI/FS, TCRA, and Houston/Galveston Bay Watershed and can be found online at: http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto.

IV. Watershed Management (Sharon Parrish and Jessica Franks responded that no update was needed to last month's info -- I removed some details from last month and prefaced it with "EPA continues to coordinate...")

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority (POHA), U.S. Army Corps



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of Engineers Galveston District (USACE-GD) and the TCEQ. The POHA and EPA will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the exchange of data to further investigate the situation and will inform communities in the area. Offsite samples will be collected by EPA with the coordination of the POHA. TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

V. Enforcement (Jessica Hernandez responded that she and Anne Foster are filling in for Barbara Nann, and no update is necessary)

The potentially responsible party (PRP) group is conducting the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. The PRP group is conducting the TCRA under an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). Currently, the PRP group is in violation with the AOC for not performing work in accordance with the December 17, 2010, EPA approved Work Schedule. The PRP group is in the process of coming into compliance with the AOC.



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